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The Chronicle is the main news service for the U.S. academic world.

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- Go to the **News** tab and choose **Community Colleges** for CC updates.
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Suggestions:

Create a recurring appointment in MS Outlook to remind yourself on Monday when a new issue comes out. Paste the [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) link in the appointment when you set it up and simply click to access.

Or create a recurring appointment on a home computer or make an iPhone alert. Paste the Chronicle link AND your library barcode number in the appointment or alert. The barcode is needed for off campus access.

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Conference News



Professor Barbara Savage participated in the 37th annual American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges national conference in Austin, Texas, 11/09 through 11/13. There were more than 1,200 faculty and administrators from every state and Canada in attendance. Barbara presided over one workshop and presented during the Poster Session on her MAT 120-Intro to Statistics with Voluntary Service-Learning course. This course involves students volunteering at the Greater Boston Food Bank and researching/writing/presenting a PowerPoint final project on an aspect of hunger.

Faculty Evaluations

DCE evaluations will be conducted from November 28th through December 2nd this year. Faculty can pick up packets and instructions in the DCE Office.

Full-Time faculty evaluations will be conducted from December 5th through December 9th. Packets and instructions will be available in your division offices.

Top 10

Moodle Listed in Top Ten of Most Used 100 Tools for Learning

Every year there is a crowd sourced list of the Top 100 Tools for learning (c4lpt.co.uk/top-100-tools-for-learning-2011) curated by Jane Hart of the Centre for Learning & Performance Technologies (C4LPT). This year's list is compiled from the Top 10 Tools lists of 531 learning professionals worldwide – from education, training and workplace learning.

Moodle finished at number eight with its best showing for the last five years where it was 10th, 14th, 9th, 12th and now 8th.

The top 10 tools in 2011 are:

- Twitter
- YouTube
- GoogleDocs
- Skype
- WordPress
- Dropbox
- Prezi
- **Moodle**
- Slideshare
- EDU Glogster



Mark Your Calendar!

One Book, One Campus Kick-Off Event
(the Cafeteria): Nov 22 (6:00pm)
Faculty Meeting with VP Mercomes
(Faculty Lounge): Nov 29 (11:30am)
Demystifying the Grant Process (the Writing Center):
Nov 29 (11:30am-1:00pm)
Dec 6 (11:30am-1:00pm)
Pre-Registration for Spring Semester:
Nov 28-Dec 2

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EVENTS ON CAMPUS THIS WEEK

One Book, One Campus

The first two Kick-Off Events were a resounding success. Thanks to all the faculty members who encouraged and prepared their students to participate in the panel and to provide displays.

There was a large audience of students, faculty and staff on both days. Students from various classes across disciplines were represented on the panel and they each had an opportunity to share their experience with the book. Some spoke about meeting with the Lacks family recently at MassBay Community College. Others shared their feelings and impressions during and after reading the book. A common thread in all the discussions was "this is an amazing book"

There was a raffle for a Nook E-Reader at each event, so two happy students were thrilled that they had attended. Another Nook will be raffled at next week's event at 6:00pm on Tuesday, 11/22 in the Cafeteria. Please consider stopping by.



*LEFT:
Students taking a
moment with the
book.*

*BELOW:
Painting by Marsha
Yukhanov*



*RIGHT:
Some
members
of the
Tuesday's
"One
Book, One
Campus"*



Honors Open House

Dr. Xavier Briggs, Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Sociology at MIT, was the guest lecturer at the Honors Open House on November 14. He discussed the evolving, complex and controversial contours of the field of planning with an emphasis on citizen participation in the planning process. Students not only learned the importance of their role in ensuring that the neighborhoods they live in thrive, they also discovered how they can benefit from participating in the Honors Program which has developed a partnership with MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

A window into the work of the students of the Honors Program is available during Honors Presentations Day on December 15th when students will deliver 10-minute power point presentations of their research topics. Faculty and staff are also encouraged to steer students into our Spring 2012 Honors courses: Comp 1 Honors, MWF, 9:30am; Comp II Honors, MWF, 10:30am, and the Honors Colloquium, TR, 10am. We look forward to seeing the college community at our Dec. 15th event!

Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Tuesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu